## GRAND RAPIDS HERALD

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The weather today will be used liker with high northwest winds.

phoneyer courses. received sentence. John Abbott, a with instructs more deprayed than so of the beasts of the field, goes to on for the beasts of the held, goes to con for thirty years for outrage on person of ten-year-old Anna Pun-ass. The case in its entirety has n clothed in nastiness, and it is the at bestial of the many crimes of a most seemal of the many crimes of a similar nature perpetuated in this city fluring the past six months. During the trial women of notorious character attempted to blacken the name of this child, whose honor should be eafe in any woman's hands. The crime of rape, the most revolting of all crimes, seems to have received a recent im-petus straight from the ovil one, and amail girls are too often the victims. No father's daughter is eafe, no moth-er's darling is sure of protocuon, how-ever tenderly shielded, from those flends of lust. That the victum in this case was so unknown; almost friend-less child has no significance beyond the more fact that the child was without suitable companionship when asto even in the shadow of their own se, notwithstanding the perfection of the law. Inentiable lust lurks where cast suspected and is unmasked too late. What misce, what reparation, to the child are the long years of the man's imprisonment? Her wrongs cry out with hitterness none the less intense ecause the author of her ruin is re-eiving punishment. In imposing the entence, Judge Burlingame voiced the entiment of all humanity when he gave John Abbott thirty years of ex-slusion from the world wherein be wrought such distressing run. For mass of this kind the death penalty would seem the proper one to inflict. Nothing but extinction of this species of brute will ever lessen its number.

Two mongram Tavers.

The tremendous power of the Vanferbilts and of the moneyed men allied
with them has again been very vividly
displayed to the American public.
Through them two mammoth trusts have been formed, the details of which were made public yesterday. The first of these trusts, which consists of a conof these trusts, which consists of a con-solidation of the principal reads carry-ing anthracite coal, is the most giganto deal over made. By it the Vanderbilts have the anthracite coal situation in their own bands, and henceforth will be able to pursue a policy that must necessarily work injury and humiliabion to the great Pennsylvania system.
But the benefit to the Vanderbilts does
not stop here. New alliances are promised and it is only a question of time when their lines will be run into new territory and thus form a netted and combined system that will be all powcombined system that will be all powerful. The second deal is a consolidation of the Edison and the ThomsonHouston Electric Lighting companies
thus controlling the patents for electric
lighting and for the adaptation of electric force to other purposes. Vanderbilt capital is largely interested in this.
The first trust may work notical benefit
to the general public by entering into
competition with the Pennsylvania system, and thus reducing the price of
soal. As the Pennsylvania system is tem, and thus reducing the price of soal. As the Pennsylvania system is enermously wealthy and has accured an ectopus hold on the coal regions of the Alleghenies, it will not yield its precent supremacy without a making a hard fight. Such being the case, the public may profit by it for a time. What the effect the second trust will be remains for the future to discious.

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AUTHOR DEEM POINT DEEM PRIME.

The official report of the United States anniver to Etumin proves that the great famine there is quite as terrible as the mest extreme reports happelaimed it to be. Thirteen provinces, with a population of 27,000,000 souls, are setually starving for food, and partial destitution is reported from several other districts. The government itself mys that 14,000,000 of its subjects are antirety without food and support except such as is given them. Millions of foilars are lost to the government and to the country at large by this wide spread destrees. Not only is food unpottsmable, but the horses of a revery writer are being added to the general seffering. However and barns have been tern down to be burned for Spreaded, and the miserable pospetit heddle together is the houses that premise them in the fathers and stronger members in the fathers and stronger members having gone away in search of work. cept such as is given them. Millions of tolliers are less to the government and to the country at large by this wide are less to the country at large by this wide are less to the country at large by this wide are less to the country at large by this wide are less to the firement's Ward" will be presented at 35... the Firement's Ward" will be presented at 35... the Firement's Ward will be presented at 35... the Firement's Ward will be presented at 35... the firement of a system where are being added to the general suffering. Houses and barms have been less the firement of a system of a beautiful presented them there does not be burned for firement, and the minerality presents headed to gother in the houses that pression them them must shalter. Families are trutted at the firement of agriculture, indicate an indicate a think the same times the firement of agriculture, indicate an insurance of animals have marved to serve of an each kind-of 5 to 4 per cent of action of agriculture, indicate an insurance of animals have marved to serve an each kind-of 5 to 4 per cent of animals with marger and the serve of an each serve of an each serve of the department of animals have been used for food.

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the land of peace and plenty, it is next to impossible for us to realize the con-ditions of distress to which the poor tax-burdened subjects of a despatio government can be reduced by the failure of the crops for even one means

FORESTEY EXCEPT.

The suggestion of Arthur Hill of Sag-inaw that the forestry exhibit at the World's Fair be made an exhibition of products rather than of woods is a most excellent one. A mien tific exhibition of woods is of little benefit to the average human being—and the average human being will attend the exposition in large numbers. A quarter section of a tree, with a Latin name attached to it, may be of rare interest to a young botanist or to an admirer of botanical Latin, but it hardly appeals to the everyday sympathics of the everyday man. A display of preducts, such as Mr. Hill suggests, would be a great edu-cator to the farmers of Michigan. There are thousands of acres of underbrush and second growth timber burned every year, because the owners do not know any value or any use for it. To teach them the uses to which these now value-less woods may be put, will add thousands of dollars to the wealth of the state-To make a practical display of these products will open the way for new manufactures, and the amount of good

CHAIRMAN BLAND of the committee on comage, weights and measures has seeded in getting his Free Coinage bill reported to the house by a vote of a to 5 in the committee. This will transfer the fight between the free coinage adherents to the floors of congrees but it does not necessarily follow that any free coinage laws will be passed. The fight in the democratic party will now be watched with much

that can be accomplished is practically

Like John Brown's body Hill goes marching on and captures delegates as he goes. It is now generally conceded that he will have the New York delegation in his vest pocket, and the question that most interests Cleveland's friends is, What will be do with it?

AMUSEMENTS.

Tonight and tomorrow evening Gillette's last comedy "The Private Secretary" will be given at Powers' grand.



It is a comedy well established in the favor of theater goers and the advance sale of seats indicates a prosperous engagement. This is proper as the comedy, free from horseplay and farcical nonsense, is one of the lew extant legitimate productions of the famous Madison Square theater.

The attractions in the play "Blue Jeans" however, are not the purely dramatic situations and developments but rather the curious features of realism and sensationalism. There are live pigeons on a genume barn, rest smoke from a chimney, the appearance of a village band styled "the Rising Bun Roarers," led by a drum major who fings his stick up and down and all around the stage, to the imminent danger of the audience as well as the players, a very ludicrous dining-room scene in which the boor imitates every act of the polished metropolitan, Perry Bascom, with most comical accuracy; and greatest of all, there is the thrilling get off. It is a bit of as intense realism as has ever been produced upon the Powers opera house stage.

Chas. T. Ellis the jolly singing comedian has won the bearts of the lady patrons of Redmond's this week. At both performances yesterday he delighted large audiences, and his warbies and lullabys will be hummed long after his departure to new fields of presperity.

The attraction for Redmond's all

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The attraction for Redmond's all sext week will be "777," a sensational comedy drama. Of this play the Cincinnati Post recently said: "Havilin's theater was never more crowded than Sunday afternoon and night. There was no standing room in the afternoon, and at night hundreds even failed to get into the house. '777' was the attraction. It is new, and by Joe Clifton, who has turned out some good, bad and indifferent playe. '777' is of the former. It is just sensational enough to please, and the story is well told, while the plot is complicated enough for the most fastidious lover of deep, dark plottings. The company is a good one. Mr. Fremont, as George Malcombe, showed himself an actor of merit, while Miss Rudesill charmed all by her strong rendition of Rose, the half-breed."

deary's Winter Circue'is the talk of the town. It is certainly the strongest attraction ever given here for the price of admission charged. Well pleased audiences throng the theater at every

the price of come, 2 per cept in bornes and 3 per cent in mules.

A c ge values are: Horses, \$85.05 mules, \$74.55; miles come, \$21.40; other cattle, \$16.15; sheep, \$2.90; owner, \$4.30.75s.

AN ALL OFF PURCHASE A Stick This Steels an Overcoat from the

There is an old saw which easys: "Everything comes to him who waita," but you can't make some people believe it. They will rusa in and graithings that do not belong to them anothing get into trouble. A dozan or morof fine overcoats stood out in from of the Tower Clothing company's fore vesterday keeping the wintry blasts from the steel ribs of the dummies on which they hung. Shivering men passed by looking with longing eyes upon their freety folds and on young man who had probably hung his coat up in a pawnshop stonged to examine the display. It took him about two minutes to locate the best coat in the lot—a \$25 one. He turned it around examined the seams and fest in the pockets carefully. Then be unbottoned it to examine the insidining. The lining was evidently satisfactory, for the next moment it was whipped off the dummy like a flash, and before the horrifical clerk in the doorway could gather enough breath to yoll "Police" the thief was down fear street and around the corner. The police were promptly nouffed, and the dictectives were given a description of the cuprit. Had the young man waited a day or two he might have saved himself from the disgrace that will surely follow may "aif off" purchase. The proprietor of The Tower proposes to sell these very coats at "half off," and that will place them within reach of the most attenuated purse. The sale is announced in The Hessald.

COLONEL CLARKSON ILL. The National Chairman Suffering from

New York, Feb. 11.—Colonel J. S. Clarkson, the chairman of the national republican committee, is at the Plaza hotel suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. The colonel was feeling so badly today that he declined to receive any callers and requested the hotel clerks not to send any cards up to

his room.

Acting under his physician's advice he will go south as soon as he is able to travel, and may seek relief at the Hot Springs of North Carolina. His present objective point is said to be Nashville, in that state.

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In well-informed republican circles it was said today that there was no foundation for the report that Mr. Clarkson is likely to become Mr. Wannamaker's successor as postmaster general.

WOLVES HOWLING AROUND HIM. Farmers Find a Young Man Ala en to De

CROOKSTON, Minn., Feb. 11.—John White, a young laboring man hailing from Iowa, was found in a strawstack near Wyle, in this county, almost frozen to death and about to be de-

voured by wolves.

He fell asleep in the strawstack while waiting for the farmer for whom he was working. When he awake he was so numb that he was unable to do any walking, and three days and four nights were spent in this condition.

Meanwhile a number of prairie wolves were attracted to the sand.

Rejeicing at LaCrosse.

LaCrosse, Wis., Feb. 11.—Today was held the dual celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of this city's incorporation and the dedication of the new 856,000 city hall. The event called out an immense concourse of people, including the common council and city officers of Winons, Minn.

The principal exercises took place in the afternoon, with a parade through the principal streets. The papers read at the new building included one from Nathan Myric, the first white settler of Lacrosse, who came here by boat November 9, 1841. Tonight a public reception was held.

Fainting, lows, Feb. 11.—The record for quick time in love, courtebip and marriage was broken in this city by an old man from Keokuk county, lows, who came here, met an old lady, fell in love with her, proposed, was accepted, procured a license, and was married to her, all inside of thirty minutes from the time he first laid eyes on her.

This is easy to be the This is eard to be the swiftest record in existence.

Mother and Babe Missing.
Convenue, Ind., Feb. 11.—Mrs. Daniel
S. Vanettan, aged 40, with her baby, 3
months old, is missing from home. Mr.
Vanestan retired last night leaving the
mother and child in an adjoining room,
and when he arose in the moraing both
were gone. Mrs. Vanestan left a letter
so inconserently written that little can
be understood of her intentions. It is
thought she has become deranged and
is wandering about the country.

CLOTHING STORE THIEVES. They Make Rich Hauls from Die



Toward the end of eighteen bundred and eleven at a memorable period for Russians, lived on his own demain of Nenaradova the kind bearted Gavril R. He was celebrated in the whole district for his hospitality and his genial character. Neighbors constantly visited him to have something to est and drink and to play at five copack boston with his wife, Praskovia. Some, too, went to have a look at their daughter, Maria, a tail, pale girl of seventeen. She was an heiress, and they desired her either for themselves or for their sons.

Maria had been brought up on French novels, and consequently was in love. The object of her affection was a poor emign in the army, who was now at home in his small village on leave of absence. As a matter of course, the young man reciprocated Maria's passion. But the parents of his beloved, noticing their mutual attachment, forbade their daughter even to think of him, while they received him worse than an ex-assize indge.

our lovers corresponded and met alone daily in the pine wood or by the old roadway chapel. There they vowed everlasting love, inveighed against fate and exchanged various suggestions. Writing and talking in this way, they quite naturally resched the following

If we cannot exist apart from each other, and if the tyrancy of hard hearted parents throws obstacles in the way of our happiness, then can we not manage without them?

age without them?

Of course this happy idea orginated in the mind of the young man, but it pleased immersely the rumantic imagination of Maria.

Winter set in and put a stop to their meetings. But their correspondence became all the more active. Vladimir begged Maria in every letter to give herself up to him that they might get married secretly, hide for awhile, and then throw themselves at the feet of their parents, who would, of course, in the end be touched by their heroic constancy and say to them, "Children, come to our assess"

Meanwhile a number of prairie woives were attracted to the spot, and their howling drew help and saved White's life.

New York Democrats Protest.

Maris hesitated a long while, and out of many different plans proposed that of many different plans pro

ent of her life when she was allowed to row herself at the fert of her dearest

throw hersalf at the fact of her dearest parents.

Bealing both letters with a Tonia seal on which were engraven two flaming hearts with an appropriate inscription, she at last threw herself upon her bed before daybreak and dread off, though even then she was awakaped from one moment to enother by terrible thoughts. First it seemed to her at the moment of entering the aledge, in order to go and get married, her father stopped her and with cruel rapidity dragged her over the mow and threw her fathe a dark, bottomless cellar—down which abe fell headlong with an indescribable sinking of the heart. Then she saw Vladimir lying on the grass, pale and bleeding; with his dying breath he implored her to make heate and marry him. Other hideous and senseless visions floated before her one after another. Finally she arose paler than usual, and with a real headsoks.

Both her father and her mother re-

handsoha.

Both her father and her mother remarked her indisposition. Their under employ and accutant logaries, "What is the matter with you, limits—are you ill?" out her to the heart. Hen tried to pacify them and to appear cheerful, but she could not. Evening not in. The tides that she was passing the say for the last time in the midst of her family opposite her. In her accret heart she took leave of everybody, of everything which surrounded her.

passed in in her secret heart she took leave of overybody, of everything which surrounded her.

Support was served; her heart best violently. In a trumbling voice she declared that she did not wint any support, and whiled her father and mother good night. They bland her, and as much blooms her; and she energy wept.

Reaching her own room, the threw heard into as easy shair and here take they have been finite as easy shair and here to be calmed take countage. Everything was ready, in haif as hour Mario would have forgot her parents the as a young gist.

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seill. Vladimir's conclusion was walking to and fro in front of them, trying to quiet them. He helped the young lad and her maid to their cents and, packing away the bundles and dressing can took up the reins and the harm forward into the darkness of the night. Having intrusted the young lady to the care of fate and of Tereshka, the conclusion, let us neturn to the young lover.

lover.

Viadimir had quest the whole day in driving. In the morning he had called on the Jadrino priest and with difficulty came to terms with him. Then he went to seek the witnesses from among the neighboring gentry. The first on whom he called was a former cornet of home, Dravin by name, a man in his fortice, who consented at once. The adventure, he declared, reminded him of cell times and of his larist when he was in the Husarra. He persuaded Viadimir to stop to dinner with him, assuring him that there would be no difficulty in getting the other two witnesses. Indeed, immediately after dinner in came the surveyor. Schmidt, with a mustache and spunt, and the son of a captain magietrate, a boy of sixueen, who had recently entered the Uhlans. They not only accepted Viadimir's proposal, but even swore that they were ready to sacrifice their lives for him. Viadimir embraced them with delight and drove off to get everything ready.

them with denger and everything ready.

It had long been dark. Vladimir dispatched his trustworthy Tereshka to Neparadova with his two home sledge.

Neparadova with his two home sledge. Nenaradora with his two home sledge, and with appropriate instructions for the occasion. For himself he ordered the small sledge with one horse and started alone without a coachman for Jadrino, where Maria ought to arrive in a couple of hours. He knew the road, and the drive would only occupy twenty

But Vladimir had scarcely pa from the inclosure into the open field when the wind rose, and soon there was a driving enowstorm so heavy and so severe that he could not see. In a moment the road was covered with snow. All landmarks disappeared in the murky yellow darkness, through which fell white flakes of enow. Sky and earth be-came merged into one. Vladimir, in the midst of the field, tried in vain to get to the road. The horse walked on at random, and every morgent stepped either into deep know or into a rut, so that the

Vladimir tried at least not to lose the right direction, but it seemed to him that more than half an hour had passed,

but there was no getting out of the field. Still, enowdrifts and ditches. Every mo-ment the sledge was upset, and every moment Vladimir had to raise it up.



The door opened and Marta came to.

Time was alipping by, and Vladimir grew seriously anxious. At last in the distance some dark object could be seen.

Vindimir turned in its direction, and as he drew near found it was a wood.

"Thank heaven!" he thought, "I am now near the end."

new near the end."

He drove by the side of the wood, hoping to come at once upon the familiar wood, or, if not, to pass around the wood. Jadrino was situated immediately behind it.

He soon found the road passed into the darkness of the wood, now stripped by the winter. The wind could not rage here. The road was smooth, the homo picked up courage, and Vindimir was comforted.

picked up courage, and Vladimir was comforted.

E'- Lyeve and drove, but still Jadrino use not to be seen. There was no end to the wood. Then, to his horror, he discovered that he had get into a strange wood. He was in daspair. He whipped his horse, and the poor animal started off on a trot. But it soon get tired, and in a quarter of an hour, in upite of all poor Vladimir's efforts, could only crawl.

Gradually the trees became thinner, and Vladimir drove out of the wood, but Jadrino was not to be seen. It must have been about midnight. Tenre graded from the young man's eyes. He drove on at random, and new the weather abated, the clouds dispared, and infereshim was a wide stretch of plain, covered with a white billowy carpet. The night was comparatively clear, and is could see a small village a short distance off, which consisted of four or five cottages. Vladimir drove forested it. At the first door he jumped out of the siedge, ran up to the window and tapped.

After a few minutes a wooden chetter was raised and an old man stuck out his gray beard.

"What do you waste"

"How far is Jadrino"

gray beard.

"What do you want?"

"How far is Jakrino?"

"You, you his it fast?"

"Not far; about ton miles."

At this encouse Vladimir clustered it of his hair and stood motionion, its man condemnal to death.

"Where do you some from?" added man. Vladimir had not the county reply.

"Could I find a guide? I will pay him my sum to libus."
"Stop," mid the old man, dropping the feature: "I will seed my sun out to you to will conduct you."

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Ledindr waited. Scarcely a mily passed when he again bracked. Her was lifted and a beard was a

"What do you want?"
"What do you want?"
"What shout your sea?"
"He'll come out directly; he is public
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d warm yourself."
"Thanks. Send out your on go The gate creshed: a posth care
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What o'clock is 117 Visitists asked

"It will soon to daylight," replied the

other word.

The cocks were crowing and it was light when they reached Jadrino. The church was closed. Viadiatir paid the guide and drove into the yard of the priest's house. In the yard his two-house aledge was not to be occu. What nows awaited him!

Ext let us return to the kind proprietors of Nenaradova and see what is gritten as there.

Ing on there.

Nothing.

The old people awake and went into the sitting room, Gavril in a nightesp and flaunci jucket, Praskovia in a wadded dressing gown. The asmovar was brought in and Gavril sent the little maid to ask Maria how she wan and how she had alept. The little maid returned, saying that her young inly had slept badly, but that who was better now and that she would come into the sitting room in a moment. And indeed the door opened and Maria came in and wished her paparand meaning good movaing.

"How is your headache, Masha," (familiar for Mary), inquired Gavril.

"Better, papa," answered Masha.

"The funes from the stoves must have given you your headache," remarked Prashovia.

"Perhaps so, marama," replied Maska.

The day passed well enough, but in the night Maska was taken ill. A doctor

was cent for from town. He came toward evening and found the patient delirious. Soon she was in a severe fever, and in a fortuight the poor patient was on the

fortuight the poor patient was on the brink of the grave.

No member of the family knew anything of the flight from home. The letters written by Massia the evening before had been burned, and the mast, fearing the wrath of the mas, r and mistress, had not breathed a word. The

Vhadimir tried at least not to lose the right direction, but it seemed to him that more than half an hour had passed, and he had not yet reached the Jadrino wood. Another ten minutes passed, and still the wood was invisible. Vladimir drove across fields intersected by deep ditchea. The snowstorm did not abate, and the sky did not clear. The horse was getting tired, and the perspiration rolled from him like hail, in spite of the fact that every moment his legs were disappearing in the snow.

At last Vladimir found that he was going in the wrong direction. He stopped, began to reflect, recollect, and consider, till at last he became convinced that he ought to have turned to the right. He did so now. His horse could scarcely drag along. But he had been more than an hour on the road, and Jadrino could not now be far. He drove and drove, but there was no getting out of the field. Still, snowdrifts and ditches. Every moman she is destined to marry; that pov-erty is no crime; that a woman has to live, not with money, but with a man, and so on. Moral proverbs are wonder-fully useful on such occasions, when we can invent little or nothing in our own justification.

justification.

Meanwhile, the young lady began to recover. Viadimir had not been seen for a long time in the house of Gavril, so frightened had he been by his previous reception. It was now recolved to send and announce to him the good news which he could scarcely expect-the consent of her parents to his marriage with Maria.

But what was the actonishment of the proprietors of Menaradova when, in answer to their invitation, they received an insune reply. Viadimir informed them he could never set foot in their house, and begged them to forget an unhappy man whose only hope now was in death. A few days afterward they have it that Viadimir had left the place and joined the army.

A long time passed before they ven-tured to tall Rinsha, who was now re-covering. She never mentioned Vladi-nir. Home mouths later, however, finding his name in the list of those who had distinguished themselves and been neversly wounded at Buredino, she fainted, and it was feared that the fever might return. But, heaven be shanked; the fainting fit had no bud results.

Maria experienced yet another server. Her father died, leaving her the heires of all his property. But the inheritance could not console her. She shared abscerely the affliction of her mother, and vowed she would never leave her. Stators citatured round the charming heiress, but also gave no one the slightout hope. Her mother sometimes tried to paramale her to choose a companion to life, but Maria sheek her head and green problem.

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